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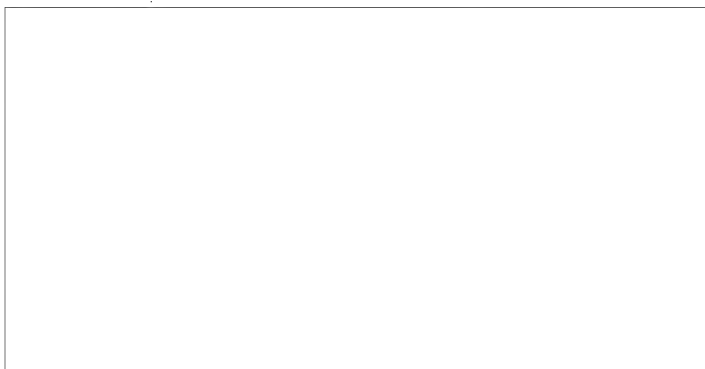
1. Cyprus

a. So far there is no indication that Turkish units are moving, but Ankara has again brought itself to the brink of intervention.



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c. Greek Cypriots called a halt to their attacks in the Kyrenia pass yesterday, apparently not wishing to give the Turks another pretext for intervention. The ceasefire was short-lived, however. This morning they are again shelling St. Hilarion Castle.



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f. The Greeks believe that once the Turks get started, they will go all the way this time. They may be right: the Inonu government is under heavy pressure to take a strong stand lest it lose to the opposition or be overthrown by the military.

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2. Zanzibar

a. Communist sympathizers still control the information media and hold the key government posts.

b. Karume, having in his own mind solved the problem by forcing union with Tanganyika, seems little interested in substantial changes.

c. The union is not especially popular in Zanzibar, even within Karume's own Afro-Shirzai Party, and any significant staffing of Zanzibari posts with Tanganyikans could mean trouble from the Communists.

d. Kambona, now foreign minister, is confident, perhaps overly so, that Babu will be no problem now that he is in Dar-es-Salaam, where he can be watched.

3. Laos

a. Souphannouvong has agreed to meet with Souvanna, but he has not said where or when. Souvanna had suggested neutralist headquarters at Muong Phan on the Plaine des Jarres.

b. Another extended period of negotiations on this and similar questions seems likely.

c. Vientiane is still firmly in the hands of the coup group and Souvanna is still there.

d. [redacted]
[redacted] it has been decided not to force cabinet changes on Souvanna right away and--for the record at least--to respect the Geneva accords.

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4. U Thant on
Southeast Asia

a. U Thant, in Paris yesterday, told the press that he thought the problem in Southeast Asia is not essentially a military one. Rather, he said, it is a political problem "which can only be solved by political and diplomatic means."

b. "Military means did not solve it ten years ago," he said, and he can "see no reason for them to succeed now."

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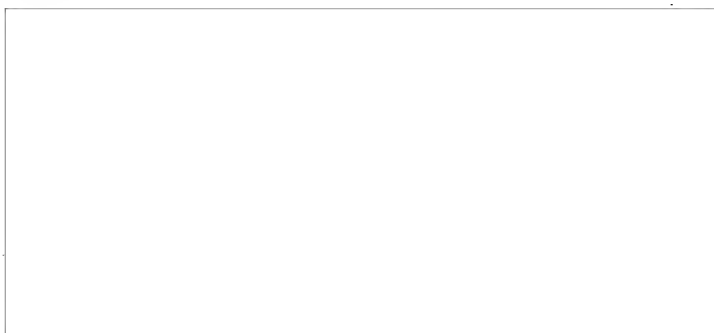
c. Although this is not a specific endorsement of neutrality, Ambassador Bohlen notes that Thant's remarks will fall on fertile soil in France and elsewhere.

5. British Guiana

a. Jagan's People's Progressive Party is making a deliberate effort to arouse its East Indian supporters against both the Negro population and expatriate Britishers.

b. The Negro population is in turn talking openly of retaliation if there are any further provocations by the East Indians.

c. In this setting, any minor racial incident could easily and quickly assume serious proportions.



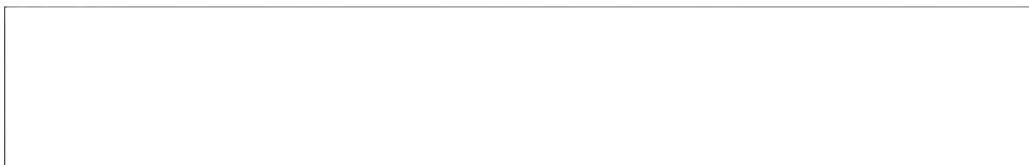
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NOTES

- A. Thailand The possibility of a coup attempt against the Thanom regime has decreased. First Army Commander, General Krit, who had earlier been reported plotting, seems to have made his peace with Thanom.



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- C. Syria The hard-pressed regime in Damascus has had to turn to drastic measures to break the shopkeeper's strike. Henceforth any shop which stays closed is to be confiscated. This does nothing to placate the opposition, which is now close to spontaneous combustion.

- D. Cuba May Day celebrations will feature a three-hour nonmilitary parade climaxed by a Castro speech. Castro will probably press the campaign against US "provocations" which he launched two weeks ago.

- E. Kenya A [redacted] group of Kenyans [redacted] has left Nairobi for military training in Bulgaria [redacted] under a program managed by Kenya's pro-Communist minister of home affairs, Oginga Odinga.

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